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Applicant: Wataru ITO Conf.: 3285  
Appl. No.: 09/400,297 Group: 2175  
Filed: September 21, 1999 Examiner: H. MAHMOUDI

For: IMAGE ENCRYPTING METHOD, IMAGE ENCRYPTING  
DEVICE, RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE  
ENCRYPTING PROCEDURES ARE RECORDED, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH ENCRYPTED IMAGE  
FILE IS RECORDED

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March 1, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated December 1, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and  
Remarks.**